

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1857.

To the Members of the San Francisco Fire Department.

We, the undersigned, a special Monumental and Cemetery appointed by the Board of Delegates of this Fire Department, inform you that a book of subscription is now open at the office of H. A. COBB, Nos. 100 and 102 Montgomery street, for the purpose of receiving donations to aid in fencing the FIREMAN'S CEMETERY and erecting a permanent MONUMENT to our deceased brothers, who perished in discharging their duties as firemen.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
E. M. CHAPIN,
E. P. BUCKLEY.

AGENCY FOR NEVADA CO.—W. R. McGrath is our agent for Nevada County, who is duly authorized to receipt for our paper and collect all monies due our office.

The cause of treatment pursued towards the President of the Fire Department, at the late meeting of the Board of Delegates, was characterized in several instances by such a total disregard of the amenities of life, that a feeling of indignation has been expressed by a large number of the department, and a hope indulged that an attempted repetition will lead to the expulsion of the offending party. We take the same ground in the present instance as we did in the case of Assistant Engineer Van Orden. Col. Mahoney is the President of the Fire department, elated by a majority of the votes of this very Board of Delegates, and therefore entitled to every respect, consideration and forbearance, let his capacity for the position be what it may. He is the acknowledged head of the legislative branch of the organization, and if that branch cannot respect itself, by respecting its chief officer, it would be far better for him to return to it, the power conferred upon him or for that branch to disintegrate.

Of Col. Mahoney's qualities as a gentleman, in public and private life, there cannot be a question, and as to his qualifications as presiding officer of the Board of Delegates, considering the newness of his station, and the character of the body presided over, he has in our opinion performed wonders. But because he does not indulge in trite and sarcastic sayings, is not quick at *raport*, which by some is considered a necessary qualification of the President of the Board; but endeavors to do his duty faithfully and with satisfaction to all, why should not he be made the target of hints, and inuendoes, sharp rejoinders, open insults, and lectures, how and in what manner his decisions should be made.

If Col. Mahoney is at fault at all, it is in his lack of decision in not compelling members of the Board of Delegates to respect the position they, and he occupy. There is too much liberty of debate allowed in that body for the welfare of the Department. There is too much straining after effect. It seems to be an ordained spot for a few to render themselves prominent in the Department, to the exclusion of everything concerning the interests of the Department. There is a want of that dignity and decorum, which should mark the assembling of a body who are to legislate for a body numbering almost eleven hundred men. The Department does not and cannot respect the mandates emanating from such a source, and it is no wonder the laws adopted by the Board of Delegates, are so often dictated and treated with contempt.

The matter we speak of, is by no means a secret. It is street talk. There were many members of the Department present, who, witnessing the scenes enacted at the last meeting of the Board of Delegates, did not hesitate to comment upon them. That the Board of Delegates should be abolished there is no manner of doubt, for sufficient has transpired to impress the minds of the unbiased, that it will do no benefit to the organization, but that the contrary it will be its death warrant. There is too much law for the government of the department already, and there is altogether as much danger in "too much," as "too little." A simple code of laws is all that is required by the Fire Department, and not the avalanche which has overwhelmed the organization for the past two years; and the only way to secure a proper form of government is to abolish the Board of Delegates, and under a state law, elect a board of fire commissioners to conduct the affairs of the department, to consist of men, not members at the present time but exempt, from the despotic prejudices and partisanship of the day, men of the same character as Frederick Kohler, whose experience as firemen would render them every way competent to devise ways and means to render the department prosperous; and whose sternness, discipline and impartiality could not prove satisfactory to all.

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Several of the "newwoms," of the Department have been running around during the past week, with chickens with their heads cut off, relative to the burial of Mr. Gordon in the Fireman's Cemetery, for the reason as stated that at the time his death he was not a member of the organization and never had been. That he was not a member at the time of his death is true, but that he had been a member is untrue. His name appears on the books of the department as an active member of Monumental Engine Co. No. 7, prior to its being merged into Monumental No. 6, and therefore under those circumstances, by the conditions of the grant of land from the Cemetery Company, it was entitled to a burial in the Fireman's Cemetery.

The Committee on the Fireman's Cemetery made report to the Board of Delegates on the 8th April, which was incorporated a communication from Lone Mountain Cemetery Company, in which grant of land was made. The conditions of his grant were as follows:

Board of Delegates.

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates was held on Wednesday evening last, thirty-one members of the Board being present. There was some important business transacted, and a great deal was done and said, which would have been better omitted.

The form of oath having been drawn up by the Secretary of the Department, the delegates were sworn to perform their duty faithfully, and subscribe an oath to that effect; during which solemn ceremony, there was as much laughing and joking as if there were some show going on of a funny nature. It may have been right, but we unfortunately have been brought up to think that the taking of an oath before God and man, to perform any act, is of a solemn and impressive nature.

The Board of Delegates refused to admit the Branman Fire Association, in which they acted singularly, under its present name it should never be admitted.

Two reports were presented relative to the general parade of the Department—one a minority report from Mr. E. B. Cotter, in favor of a parade on the 28th of September, and a majority report from Messrs. Sinton and Bauck, adverse to any parade, on account of the financial condition of the Department. The majority report was adopted, and the firemen, if they wish to parade, must do so on their own personal curves.

The badge recommendation of the Chief was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

An amendment ordering the ten per cent from the income of the Charitable to the Cemetery Fund, was reconsidered and lost.

Eight ballots were had for the election of a bell ringer, in place of Joseph Webber, resigned, without any result. The candidates were, Messrs. Bainbridge of 1, Stratton of 7, Allen of 8, Miles of 11, Boeler of 12, and Morenci of 14. The Board adjourned until the next regular meeting in August. Mr. Bainbridge is at present on the bell—

It is a very capable young man, and even if the Department don't get a new bell ringer until next December, it will lose nothing by having Mr. B. in the position.

Correspondence.

JOHNSON'S BAR, SCOTT RIVER, July 1, 1857.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL.—Having been requested by your traveling agent to occasionally forward you any "item" I might be able to pick up while picking for gold, in this place and vicinity, I embrace the present opportunity to forward you my "budget," from which you may make such selections as, in your opinion, will be interesting to your readers.

The mines in this locality are probably, as good as any in the State, but they require more labor to prospect and work them than any that I am acquainted with. The claims that yield the most, are those known as tunnel claims, in the banks of the river and in the hills, the majority of which are paying well on this and adjoining Bars, and occasionally large strikes are made. A large "mugget," weighing 1212 ozs., mixed with quartz, was taken out Saturday last, at the upper end of French Bar, by Messrs. Holden, Sawyer & Co., which created quite an excitement for a day or two. It has since been melted and realized 71 ozs., pure gold.

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—The City of San Francisco. May her Golden Gate always open to receive the commerce of the world and her markets teem with the products of our country.

Response by Dr. E. W. Burr.

—The Fire Department of San Francisco.—When duty calls may that word, "fire!" always find us "ready." Music.—"Oh Susanna."

Response by E. T. Battens, Esq.

A very neat letter was received from Chief Engineer Whitney, regretting he could not be present at the festivities, and concluding with an appropriate sentiment follows:

Parade of the Independent Battalion.

At ten o'clock, on the morning of the 11th, the Independent National Guard, Independent City Guard and California Fusiliers, accompanied by the American Brass Band, met on the Plaza, where they formed themselves into a battalion, under the command of Capt. J. B. Moore, of the National Guard; Capt. G. F. Watson, of the City Guard, acting as Adjutant. After going through a dress parade, before a large number of spectators, they took up their line of march, through our principal streets, arriving at the Oriental Hotel about one o'clock. The National Guard had the right of the line, and numbered fifty-two men. This splendid corps have recently purchased new uniforms, consisting of light blue pants, with buff stripe; dark blue coats, buff trimmings and bear-skin hats, and it was with some difficulty that I obtained passage, until Mr. Murphy kindly furnished me with a saddle horse and accompanied me. We left at ten o'clock a.m. taking the trail, and crossing the middle fork of the American River we came to Pilot Hill, El Dorado Co., just in time for dinner at "Bailey's." I found old Mr. Bailey the "same old sixteen," as in days of yore; living in peace and plenty, on one of the best ranches in the State. After dinner we resumed our journey, crossing the South Fork, and passing through Uniontown we arrived in Coloma at 5 o'clock. I being an old "resident" of this place, was somewhat surprised at the vast amount of improvements since 1854. I hardly knew the town, a large number of brick buildings now take the place of the old shanties. New Churches, Odd Fellows, and Mason's Halls, and other public buildings, have been built and the streets beautifully adorned with cotton wood trees. The shrubbery, fruit trees, and well culivated gardens in this place cannot be surpassed in the State. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by Messrs. Seelye and Huntress, through the various lots, where I saw apples, peaches, pears, apricots, figs, almonds, &c., growing in abundance.

There is a well organized Military Company here, having 65 members and commanded by Capt. A. Van Guelder, also a Hook and Ladder Company, The Coloma No. 1, first organized in August 1853, they have a possible truck and apparatus, including the "Big Hook" and about thirty men, half of whom are readers of the Journal. In my ramblings I visited Placerville, the County Seat, a hilly mountain city, and much improved within a year, having been destroyed by fire, and now rebuilt much more substantially than before with stone and brick. The fire department cannot be excelled by any place of its size in the State, of which I send you an account for future publication. To-morrow I leave for Folsom. Yours, D. G. W.

MRS. JULIA DEAN HAYNE.—Crowded houses have been the order of the "night" at the American Theatre; "Money" and "Young New York," being the attractions. The former is one of the best plays ever put upon the stage, and performed well by all who are readers of the Journal. In its present stage of development, it is a masterpiece of dramatic art, and is destined to be a success. Mrs. Hayne as "Clara," is unequalled, and it is a pleasure to us to see the high appreciation in which she is held by the community. "Young New York," has been highly commended by the crowded audiences drawn together to witness the follies of the age in which we live. The more *jeux d'esprit* of pretended critics, that the piece is unworthy of a place on the stage, weighs but little in the balance, the fact of its attracting full houses stamps such a remark, as a mere individual unsupported assertion. Mrs. Hayne as "Rose Ten-per-cent," was charming, and proved herself an elegant and faultless comedienne. Last evening "Vamilie" was played to a full and discriminating house. To-night "Jack Cade" will be presented, giving that excellent actor, Mr. J. E. McDonough, an opportunity to display his tragic powers. Messrs. Leaman, Rand, Wilder, Miss Mowbray, Mrs. Rand, and the remainder of the stock company, deserve praise for the able manner in which they support Mrs. Hayne.

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SATURDAY, JULY 4th.

—Gentlemen: I have received your kind invitation to participate in the festivities of the day, and regret that circumstances will not permit me to be present.

The return of this glorious day, the anniversary of the declaration of independence should, and does awaken in the mind of every American, feelings of glorious patriotism, and honest pride in the welfare and success of our country; to the Citizen Soldier in the days of '76 was accorded the high honor of maintaining a people's rights, and of redressing a nation's grievances.

—I offer the sentiment: The Citizen Volunteers: The right arm of the People's defense. The Nation will ever be safe in relying on their courage and skill for protection. Very Respectfully,

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Mechanics Industrial Fair.—The work of grading for the construction of the building for the Mechanics Industrial Fair was commenced on yesterday. The locality is the lot owned by Mr. James Lick situated on Montgomery street extending from Sutter to Post street. The building is to be of frame in the shape of a maltese cross, and will be 180 feet wide by 60 feet deep. The cost of the structure will be about \$7000, and it will be erected under the superintendence of the building Committee of the Mechanics Institute, consisting of Wm. McKibbin, John Sime, H. F. Williams, Gardner Jas. A. Banks, G. D. Street and B. Fiske. The rent of the lot is one dollar per month.

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That it be enclosed with a substantial iron or wooden fence, within six inches from the date of the grant, and that the same be kept in repair, and the same be used for the burial of members of the Fire Department, and subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.

EMPT.—The cistern at the corner of Montgomery and Bush streets is empty. Members of the department, will bear this in mind, as much valuable time will be lost, in dropping their suction, and stretching into a fire in the neighborhood, from that cistern, the emptiness of which would not at the first glance be discovered.

The Remains of Mr. Gordon.—Several of the "newwoms," of the Department have been running around during the past week with a visit from Joseph S. Friend, Foreman of Sacramento Engine Co. No. 3, and W. C. Stokes ex-farmer of Yuba Engine Company No. 2 of Marysville.

THANKS.—R. F. Davis, P. M. of Coloma, Mr. Borowsky of that "Fashion"able saloon of Placerville, extending the circulation of our Journal.

THE FAIR.—We observe that Whittom Town & Co. intend having a printing press at the Mechanics Industrial Fair. We suppose it will be worked by a big rat.

NEWSPAPERS.—Miss Annette Ince, has a complimentary benefit at the Metropoli Theatre this evening. She is an accomplished actress, and we hope to see the house crowded.

MANHATTAN 2.—The members of Manhattan Engine Company No. 2, have decided upon an excursion to Sacramento early in August.

CALIFORNIA 4.—This company have decided to parade on their anniversary, which takes place on the 7th September.

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500 dozen Dr. Thomas' Powder;

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200 gross Oregon's Indian Cholagogue;

100 gross Dr. B. & C. Balsam;

900 gross Pills of various kinds;

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